



Making Model Ships



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There is nothing like a good hobby to occupy a person's leisure time  
and to take his mind off his work.

the making of a single picture. A single radio broadcaster may pay hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for time on the radio. A city, in order to provide space for a neighborhood playground, may pay a large sum of money for the land on which the playground is to be built. Whether the cost is borne privately by those who patronize the movies, buy the goods of the broadcaster, or publicly by taxpayers, as in the case of the public playground, the cost is a very heavy one.

To some extent, the cost of private recreation can be brought down by mass production. If a moving picture producer pays a moving picture star a million dollars a year and a hundred million people see her pictures, the cost for each person is but one cent a person. On the other hand, if but ten million see her pictures the cost per person would be ten cents.

The cost of public recreation might be reduced by greater foresight in purchasing suitable sites on the outskirts of cities or elsewhere before land values rise sky-high. A greater use of public property, such as school buildings and playgrounds, would increase recreational facilities at a moderate cost. Fortunately school officials are showing a greater willingness to permit school property to be used for recreational purposes.

### More Trained Leaders Are Necessary

Governments and private organizations should continue to help people use their leisure time more wisely. They should point out